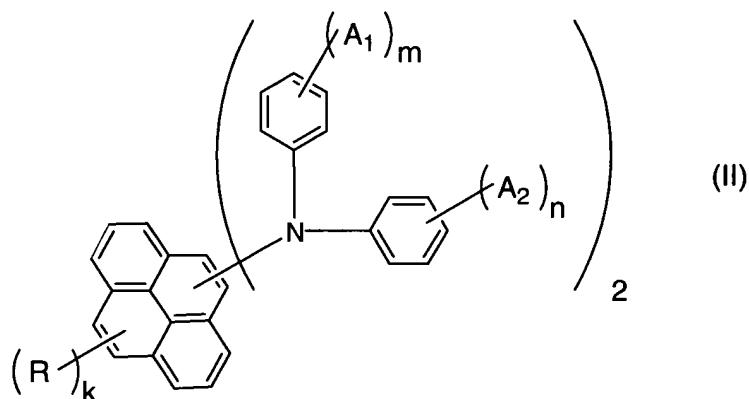


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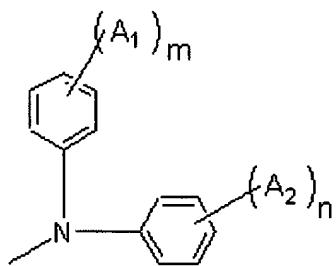
Claims 2, 5, 8 and 10-15 remain herein.

1. Claims 2, 5, 8 and 10-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Oh et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0118866.

Applicant's claim 2 recites an aromatic amine derivative represented by the following general formula (II):

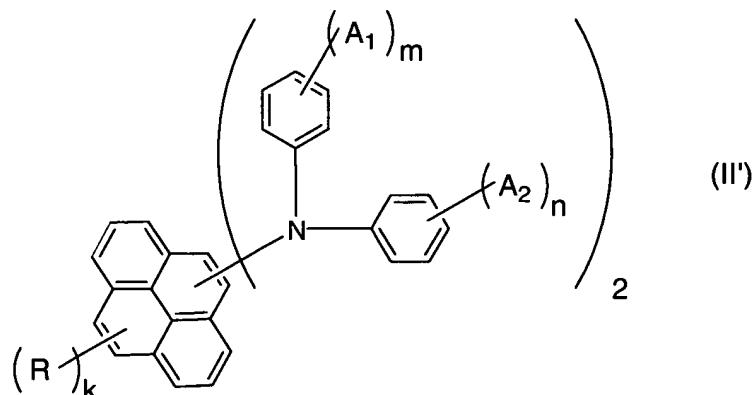


wherein A₁ and A₂ are each independently a hydrogen atom, an unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 50 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group having 5 to 50 carbon atoms, an unsubstituted cycloalkyl group having 3 to 50 carbon atoms, an unsubstituted alkoxy group having 1 to 50 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted arylamino group having 5 to 50 carbon atoms, a cyano group or a halogen atom; with the proviso that at least one of A₁ and A₂ comprises an unsubstituted alkyl group having 2 or more carbon atoms or an unsubstituted cycloalkyl group having 3 or more carbon atoms; and the two groups represented by the following formula:



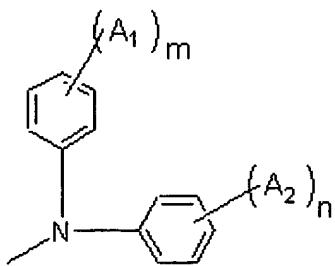
in the general formula (II), may be the same or different from each other, and bond to the pyrene ring at the 1-position and 6-position.

Applicant's claim 8 recites an aromatic amine derivative represented by the following general formula (II'):



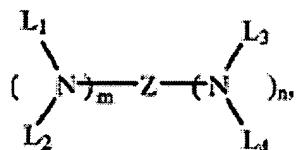
wherein A_1 and A_2 are each independently a hydrogen atom, an unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 50 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group having 5 to 50 carbon atoms, an unsubstituted cycloalkyl group having 3 to 50 carbon atoms, an unsubstituted alkoxy group having 1 to 50 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted arylamino group having 5 to 50 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkylamino group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, a cyano group or a halogen atom; with the proviso that at least one of m and n is an integer of 2 or more; and

the two groups represented by the following formula:



in the general formula (II'), may be the same or different from each other, and bond to the pyrene ring at the 1-position and 6-position.

Oh does not disclose applicant's claimed aromatic amine derivative of claim 2 or 8. The Office Action states that applicant's claimed aromatic amine derivative reads on Oh's following structural formula:



when z is A₁ and A₁ is a pyrene group. However, Oh states that "a bond between A₁ and nitrogen (N) is connected to an aliphatic hydrocarbon group or an amide or imine bond if A₁ is the aromatic hydrocarbon or heterocycle group" (see Oh at paragraph [0032]). Thus, Oh's structural formula above is distinct from applicant's claimed aromatic amine derivative.

In addition, Oh says nothing about bonding to the pyrene ring at the 1-position and 6-position. Applicant's claimed aromatic amine derivative is not obvious, but achieves superior and unexpected properties, namely, organic electroluminescent devices having superior efficiency of light emission and longer service life (compare the devices of Examples 1-2 to

those of Comparative Examples 1-2). Evidence rebutting an obviousness rejection includes evidence that the claimed invention yields unexpectedly improved properties, or properties not present in the prior art. In re Dillon, 919 F.2d 688, 692-93 (Fed. Cir. 1990); MPEP § 2145.

Thus, Oh does not disclose all elements of applicant's claims. Further, Oh discloses nothing that would have suggested applicant's claimed invention to one of ordinary skill in the art. There is no disclosure or teaching in Oh or otherwise in this record, that would have suggested the desirability of modifying any portions thereof effectively to anticipate or suggest applicant's presently claimed invention. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

2. Claims 2, 5, 8 and 10 were rejected for alleged obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-3 of U.S. Patent 7,651,786. Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to moot this rejection.

3. Claims 2, 5, 8 and 10 were provisionally rejected for alleged obviousness-type double patenting over claims 28, 31, 38, 41 and 49 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/207,933. Applicant respectfully requests deferral of any such rejection until the claims of the present application are deemed otherwise allowable.

4. Claims 2, 5, 8, 10 and 12 were provisionally rejected for alleged obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 14, 18 and 22 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No.

11/761,437. Applicant respectfully requests deferral of any such rejection until the claims of the present application are deemed otherwise allowable.

5. Claims 2, 5, 8 and 10-12 were provisionally rejected for alleged obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-8 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/596,299. Applicant respectfully requests deferral of any such rejection until the claims of the present application are deemed otherwise allowable.

Accordingly, all claims are now fully in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The PTO is hereby authorized to charge/credit any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293. If further amendments would place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is invited to call applicant's undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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